Minutes of the <u>Regular Work Session</u> of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee Monday, February 2, 2015, 4:30 PM Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire
Alderman John Clark
Alderman Colette George

Alderman Tom C. Parham (arrived at 5:00 p.m.)
Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration
Jeff Fleming, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER: 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.

2. ROLL CALL: By Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent: Alderman Andy Hall

- **3. NETWORKS UPDATE.** Mr. Clay Walker, the CEO of NETWORKS, presented details on the 2014 year end totals and the annual report. He discussed the goals for the upcoming year and answered questions from the board.
- **4. DOWNTOWN DOG PARK UPDATE.** Ms. Sherri Mosley, Executive Director of the Downtown Kingsport Association, gave a presentation on this item noting the name of the facility will be "The Barking Lot" and will hopefully open in the spring. She stated a lot has been acquired and clean-up has been scheduled. Ms. Mosley pointed out that several donations have already been made, but there is still a need for a fence and sod. She asked the community for sponsorships and help with fundraising efforts.

NOTE: Item VI.D.6 from the regular business meeting agenda was discussed at this time. The regular work session agenda resumed thereafter.

- 5. WORK SESSION TICKLER. Assistant City Manager for Administration Chris McCartt gave a status update on Brickyard Park, pointing out the wayfare signage is going up. Community Services Director Morris Baker provided details on the progress of the carousel, noting the goal for opening is still May. The mayor asked for someone to provide a formal update at the next work session. City Attorney Billingsley gave information on the school employees' use of the clinic, noting increased hours and a new expansion. Mayor Phillips commented on a letter he received from a citizen regarding a sewer tap expense.
- 6. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE FEBRUARY 3, 2015 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming, members of staff and community members gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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- VI.A.1 Amend Zoning of the Rock Springs Road South Property Located Between Rock Springs Road and Interstate 81 (AF: 33-2015). City Planner Ken Weems provided details on this item, noting the request was to restore the previous zoning designation in order to build a commercial showroom for cabinets. He stated there was only one phone call received by the planning department to ask for more information.
- VI.D.1 Bid for the Purchase of Seven (7) Police Pursuit Package Sedans to Auto World of Big Stone Gap, Inc. (AF: 25-2015). Mayor Phillips pointed out that staff asked for 24 bidders to submit and only received three bids for this item and the next.
- VI.D.2 Bid for the Purchase of Three (3) Police Street Package Sedans to Auto World of Big Stone Gap, Inc. (AF: 26-2015). See Item VI.D.1.
- VI.D.3 Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) Cab/Chassis with Rear Loader Refuse Trucks to Worldwide Equipment, Inc. (AF: 30-2015). Assistant City Manager Ryan McReynolds provided information on these new vehicles, noting they are in the fleet fund. Fleet Manager Steve Hightower answered further questions.
- VI.D,4 Bid for the Purchase of Two (2) Automated Recycling Trucks to Worldwide Equipment, Inc. (AF: 31-2015). See Item VI.D.4.
- VI.D.6 Intent of the Board Supporting the Efforts of the Governor and the Proposed Insure Tennessee Plan (AF: 34-2015). Mayor Phillips discussed this item, noting the local hospitals are asking the BMA to support the Governor's bill. He stated their concern is when the federal government stops providing and they want to be protected to avoid layoffs. Mr. Monty McLaurin from Indian Path Medical Center and Mr. Tim Attebery from Holston Valley Medical Center gave further details. Discussion followed.
- Fleet Maintenance Department to Provide Repair and Maintenance Services for the Sullivan County, Bluff City and City of Kingsport Animal Shelter Vehicles (AF: 27-2015). City Manager Fleming gave details on this item, stating the shelter will pay fleet to service their vehicles.

**BOARD COMMENT.** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session,

Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

DENNIS R. PHILLIPS

Mayor